

**Minutes of the  
Arizona Geographic Information Council  
Data Committee  
July 9, 2010  
Arizona State Land Department Building**

Attendees:

Tom Sturm, USGS  
Gene Trobia, SCO  
Jana Hutchins, ASU  
Tim Colman, SCO  
Nicole Eiden, AZGF  
Anthony Maslowicz, ASLD  
Glen Buettner, AZ State Fire  
Jack Johnson, BLM

Committee Members via Teleconference:

Howard Ward  
Kevin Blake  
Lee Allison

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Data Sharing Update – Gene Trobia and Jana Hutchins

The State of Utah Data Sharing MOU was sent out to the Committee on July 8, 2010 via e-mail. The Utah State MOU is being used as a possible template that can be used by AGIC to create a new data sharing agreement for the AZ Geospatial Clearinghouse (AGC). The Utah MOU focuses on Federal agencies. AZ's situation is different and a MOU would have to encompass all potential state agencies that participate in the AGC and provide for 3 classes of data sharing 1) public, 2) agencies, 3) consultants that use data and services to work with clients and do not remarket the data. There was discussion of the content of the agreement. Changes to the document need to include clarification that data and services are acceptable under the agreement; whether there is access to raw data; and determine whether the 5 yr agreement mean users can access 'all' data that is shared from an agency or only what is shared on the AGC.

Motion: A motion was made by Tom Sturm to review the MOU draft and submit edits by July 16<sup>th</sup> then forward the draft to the Admin and Legal Committee for further review before it is brought before the Council for approval. Jana Hutchins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without nays or abstentions.

GECCo (Geospatially Enabling Community Collaboration). The GECCo is an effort of the Geospatial Information Technology Association, through funding by

the US Department of Homeland Security, to improve community data sharing, especially utilities data, between those with a need to know. There was discussion about a GECCo meeting that was held at ASU and what the purpose of GECCo would be in Arizona. It was determined that the the best focus for the GECCo group would be identify what utility data could be shared between partners to use for planning purposes and to develop agreements to assure that data can be shared in the event of an incident without delay. There was discussion about inviting a GECCo representative to join the Data Committee in order to represent utilities and help coordinate data discovery and sharing with utilities. The Data Committee will extend an invitation to Gabe Bey from GECCo to work with us. Gene Trobia volunteered to initiate the invitation.

#### GIS Clearinghouse Update – Gene Trobia

Gene explained the linkages of the clearinghouse effort to other projects (AZ3D, Renewable Energy, and Broadband Mapping) and the need to leverage this project work to initiate the Clearinghouse. It is important to start thinking about how to sustain this effort after the current projects are complete (in about 2 years in most cases). State Lands submitted a budget proposal for 1 FTE, servers and software to support the Clearinghouse. More will need to be done to ensure staffing and infrastructure are available to sustain the Clearinghouse over the long term. A Clearinghouse budget estimate will be developed for the next Data Committee meeting.

#### AZ3D Status Report and Update – Jana Hutchins

A beta version of the AZ3D application is operational. Work is ongoing to improve some functions and deal with security issues. The application is constructed with Java Script, which allows mobile devices to use the program. AZ3D is now viewable at [AZ3D.AZ.GOV](http://AZ3D.AZ.GOV). Committee members are encouraged to log onto AZ3D to test and share their experiences with the application with Jana and Gene.

#### Committee Administration Issues – Gene Trobia and Tom Sturm

The membership list was edited at the meeting. Membership was reduced to active participants and a second list of non-voting associate members was created. The primary issue is being able to have members that can attend most meetings regularly to meet quorum requirements. Associate members are encouraged to participate as possible and will continue on the committee mailing list. If an associate member requests to be a voting member and commits to attend a majority of meetings, the associate member will be moved to the voting members list.

Discussion identified the need to get the 2010 work plan on the Committee webpage which needs to include an updated work plan, show the new

membership list (members and associates), and add a Committee statement of purpose. The plan also needs to include information about the Clearinghouse Working Group.

Action Item: Tim Colman, Gene Trobia and Tom Sturm will work on updating the Data Committee webpage.

Committee Name: The Committee decided to keep the name as-is for now.

### Additional Business

Lee Allison presented on his new project for the new National Geothermal Data System – this project is funded by US Department of Energy and involves allowing discovery, access and integration of geothermal related data across all 50 states and is being developed in s. Lee gave several examples of how such data are already being integrated live online using web services and standard protocols. Demonstrations of the system are being given using ArcGIS Explorer , which is still in development mode, but is being upgraded by ESRI. It is also using open source and existing system resources as much as possible. Associated websites include <http://usgin.org>; <http://lab.usgin.org>; [www.stategeothermaldata.org](http://www.stategeothermaldata.org) (not yet public) and [www.geothermaldata.org](http://www.geothermaldata.org).

Tom Sturm gave a brief update on the status of the 2010 AZ NAIP project. Tom showed a graphic from the Aerial Photography Field Office from July 6 showing the status of Arizona imagery acquisition to date. APFO appears to be updating these graphics weekly. They are available from the AFPO website.

Jack Johnson mentioned that the Arizona Land Surface Status data set is being conflated with GCBD. The work is being conducted through their contract with Premier Data Systems.

The next Data Committee is scheduled for September 22, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 pm.